



**Testimony
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Before the
Public Health Committee
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**Re: SUPPORT – SB-277, An Act Establishing A Council To Promote Collaboration
Between Local Health Departments And The Department Of Public Health.**

The Connecticut Council of Small Towns (COST) supports SB-277, which will create an advisory council within the state Department of Public Health (DPH) to improve collaboration and communication among various stakeholders, including local and regional health departments and municipal and regional officials. This council will prove invaluable to developing public health policies that reflect the priorities and concerns of the broad interests of the various communities, including small towns and cities.

COST is very pleased to be included on the advisory council and stands ready to work cooperatively to promote the public health of our communities and residents.

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